

Amendments to the Specification

Amend the paragraph at page 8, lines 9-28 as follows:

FIG. 2 depicts one embodiment of a technique for managing invention development from creation to initial evaluation of disclosures to achieve a desired patent portfolio distribution. Initially, ~~a strategy includes~~ the current and future opportunity space for the business should be understood 30. This includes an analysis of factors such as emerging technology requirements, current intellectual property portfolio mix, current and future licensing revenue measurements, current and future business revenue measurements, research and technology development expertise, etc. Once the portfolio analysis 30 has been completed or updated, technology areas requiring intellectual property development are identified and targeted, i.e., portfolio objectives are created 40 using identified technology tags 42. Invention development guidelines per technology area are set based upon the portfolio analysis 30 information and resource constraints 44. Constraints may comprise available money, time units, capacity and any other measure which would operate as a constraint on the intellectual property activity to be managed.